

NEWPORT PAGNELL



RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

**ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH  
FOR**

THE YEAR 1959

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Council Offices,  
7 Station Road,  
NEWPORT PAGNELL.

June, 1970.

To: The Chairman and Councillors of the  
Rural District of Newport Pagnell.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report for the year 1969.

The previous year's trends continue and there is little change to report. The longevity of local inhabitants remains remarkably high despite the increasing number of risks and hazards being faced. Some of these hazards require control by society as a whole, and gradually the public is becoming aware of them. For example, environmental pollution of many types and its detrimental effect on health is becoming clearer and will call for action. But there are some hazards that are under individual control and yet many fail to take the necessary action. I refer especially to cigarette smoking and obesity. If tobacco and sugar had had to be submitted to the Committee on the safety of drugs before their introduction to this Country, both would have failed to receive approval.

In the past this rural district has been relatively free of the major problems to health brought by industry and its attendant form of civilisation. We now realise that the farming industry carries risks both peculiar to itself and having an effect on the rest of the population. Intensive rearing of livestock and increasing land productivity involve techniques that need careful scrutiny for long-term effects. We must be careful that farming is not in a position similar to that at the beginning of the Industrial Revolution, when great strides were made in techniques and productivity. We are still paying for the mistakes incurred in the 19th Century.

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A working party of Public Health Inspectors in the designated area and your Medical Officer met on several occasions during the year, to discuss mutual problems that will arise in the development of Milton Keynes. A report was prepared and submitted to the Health Services Joint Liaison Committee. This working party can be reconstituted in the future when conditions are opportune for it to do so.

I am,

Your Obedient Servant,

PETER LAVIS

Medical Officer of Health.

## SECTION A

### GENERAL STATISTICS

	<u>1968</u>	<u>1969</u>
Area (in acres) ... ..	61,686	61,686
Population ... ..	15,300	15,550
Number of inhabited houses ... ..	5,539	5,619
Rateable Value ... ..	£516,779	£548,478
Sum represented by a 1d Rate (estimated)	£2,010	£2,198

### VITAL STATISTICS

#### BIRTHS

Legitimate (Males) ... ..	103	119
" (Females) ... ..	124	124
Illegitimate (Males) ... ..	5	6
" (Females) ... ..	4	4
Stillbirths ... ..	3	1
Birth Rate Per 1,000 population (adjusted)	18.2	19.2
" " " " "(England & Wales)	16.9	16.3

#### DEATHS

Males ... ..	105	84
Females ... ..	77	116
Death Rate Per 1,000 population (adjusted)	10.0	10.8
" " " " "(England & Wales)	11.9	11.9
Infant Mortality Rate Per 1,000 births	17.0	8.0
" " " " "(England & Wales)	18.0	18.0



SECTION A    CONT'D

PRINICIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH

						<u>1968</u>			<u>1969</u>		
						M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.
Cancer:											
Lungs, Bronchus	...	...	...	...	...	8	1	9	3	2	5
Breast	...	...	...	...	...	-	3	3	-	6	6
Stomach	...	...	...	...	...	-	1	1	2	1	3
Other	...	...	...	...	...	7	8	15	4	9	13
Vascular Lesions of nervous system	...					9	10	19	10	23	33
Heart Disease	...	...	...	...	...	31	25	56	27	29	56
Other Circulatory Diseases	...	...	...	...	...	13	5	18	4	13	17
Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	...	14	6	20	9	14	23
Bronchitis	...	...	...	...	...	4	2	6	10	3	13
Congenital Malformations	...	...	...	...	...	-	2	2	-	-	-
Accidents:											
Motor Vehicles	...	...	...	...	...	3	1	4	3	-	3
Others	...	...	...	...	...	2	3	5	-	3	3
Suicide	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	3	1	1	2
All other causes	...	...	...	...	...	12	9	21	11	12	23
TOTALS						105	77	182	84	116	200

SECTION A    CONT'D

Notification of Infectious Diseases

						<u>1968</u>	<u>1969</u>
Whooping Cough	...	...	...	...	...	4	-
Measles	...	...	...	...	...	19	20
Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	...	...	3	2
Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	...	-	-
Erysipelas	...	...	...	...	...	-	-
Dysentery	...	...	...	...	...	3	2
Salmonella	...	...	...	...	...	-	3
Infective Hepatitis	...	...	...	...	...	-	8
Tuberculosis	...	...	...	...	...	-	7



## SECTION B

### PERSONAL HEALTH SERVICES

#### AMBULANCE SERVICE:

Administered by Bucks County Council. Main station for North Bucks is at Bletchley with sub-station at Newport Pagnell.

#### HOSPITALS:

Under the Oxford Regional Hospital Board. Patients are generally treated at Northampton. Outpatient facilities are available at Wolverton and Bletchley. Orthopaedic Clinic Newport Pagnell, Maternity Unit and hospital for chronic sick in Newport Pagnell.

#### LABORATORY:

General Hospital, Northampton.

#### DISTRICT NURSES/MIDWIVES:

Area Superintendent Mrs. O. M. Riley at Area Health Office Bletchley. Seven nurses are stationed in the District.

#### HEALTH VISITORS:

Superintendent - Mrs. D. L. Marett at Area Health Office. Health Visitors (some combine their duties with general nursing) are stationed throughout the district.

#### SOCIAL WORKERS (Medical, Blind, Welfare, Mental Health)

Area Officer - Mr. P. K. Smith at Area Health Office Bletchley.

#### HOME HELP SERVICE:

Area Organiser - Mrs. E. N. Franklin at Area Health Office, Bletchley.

#### INDUSTRIAL UNIT:

Waddon Way, Bletchley.

SECTION B CONT'D.

CHILD WELFARE CLINICS:

Clinics are held at regular intervals at:

Newport Pagnell	Olney	Woburn Sands	Hanslope
Castlethorpe	Stoke Goldington	Ravenstone	Filgrave
Astwood	North Crawley	Milton Keynes	Little Brickhill
Loughton	Shenley Church End	Lavendon	Moulsoe
Sherington	Wavendon	Haversham	Bow Brickhill

DENTAL CLINICS:

Treatment is offered to children and expectant mothers at Wolverton and Bletchley. In addition the dentists visit Schools regularly.

HEALTH EDUCATION:

Area Organiser - Mr. T. Watson at Area Health Office, Bletchley.

SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICE:

Administered from Area Health Office. This includes arrangements for examination of pupils in accordance with the Education Act, 1944, ascertainment of handicap and arranging appropriate treatment. The Child Guidance Clinic is situated at Whalley Drive, Bletchley, B.C.G. vaccination against tuberculosis is carried out in the schools as well as booster doses of polio, diptheria and tetanus antigens.

CONTRACEPTION ADVICE:

Weekly clinics held at Whalley Drive Health Clinic, Bletchley by the Family Planning Association. (By appointment).

MARRIAGE GUIDANCE COUNCIL:

Interviews held at Whalley Drive Health Clinic. Appointments: telephone Soulbury 252.

CHILDREN DEPARTMENT:

Area Child Officer - Miss J. M. Walker (tele: Bletchley 4701).

SECTION C

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

(A) WATER

A good supply of water has been maintained by the Bucks Water Board over the whole of the Council's area throughout the year.

Regular bacteriological samples have been taken and submitted for analysis by the Public Health Department, and have on all occasions proved very satisfactory. Chemical analysis of the source of water are as follows :-

					<u>Grafham Source</u> <u>from 1.4.68.</u>
Appearance	...	...	...	...	Clear and bright
pH Value	...	...	...	...	7.5
Colour	...	...	...	...	5
Turbidity	...	...	...	...	1
(Results in parts per million)					
Ammonia Notrogen	...	...	...	...	0.01
Albuminoid Nitrogen	...	...	...	...	0.19
Nitrite Nitrogen	...	...	...	...	Nil
Nitrate Nitrogen	...	...	...	...	0.52
O <sub>2</sub> absorbed from permanganate (3 hours at 37°C)	...	...	...	...	1.0
Free CO <sub>2</sub>	...	...	...	...	15
Alkalinity as CaCO <sub>3</sub>	...	...	...	...	150
Carbonate Hardness	...	...	...	...	150
Non-Carbonate Hardness	...	...	...	...	55
Total Hardness	...	...	...	...	205
Total Solids (dried at 180°C)	...	...	...	...	520
Calcium, as Ca	...	...	...	...	67
Magnesium, as Mg	...	...	...	...	9
Sulphate, as SO <sub>4</sub>	...	...	...	...	183
Chloride, as Cl	...	...	...	...	63
Silica, as SiO <sub>2</sub>	...	...	...	...	-
Iron, as Fe: Total	...	...	...	...	0.03
Soluble	...	...	...	...	-
Fluoride as F	...	...	...	...	
Residual Chlorine	...	...	...	...	0.2

The Olney source still supplies Weston Underwood and this has been proved to be bacteriologically satisfactory by regular sampling by the Public Health Department.

The total number of residential properties is 5754 being 5609 houses, 105 houses and shops and 40 licensed premises, of which 5393 are supplied with water from the public mains. In addition the village of Tytringham (26 dwellings) has it's own private supply laid on to each property.

SECTION C    CONT'D

(A) WATER (Continued)

Several outlying farms and cottages also have their own private supply laid on for all drinking and domestic purposes. Unfortunately records are not available to show how many of the properties are supplied from the Boards main by standpipe, but this is known to be only a relatively small number. The population in the Rural District is 15,550 and the estimated population supplied with main water from the Public Main is 15,428.

Total consumption for the whole district for all purposes for the year 1969 from Grafham source (Tyringham being privately owned and not measured): Grafham 250,680,000 gallons.

Sampling of water supplies for routine bacteriological examination has been continued during the year in respect of :-

Grafham Supply - Normally sampled at Sherington. This forms part of Bucks Water Board supply and has proved satisfactory throughout the year.

Weston Underwood Supply - Sampled at Weston Underwood. Again forms part of the Bucks Water Board Supply and has proved completely satisfactory.

Ravenstone Mill Supply - Water proved satisfactory.

Tyringham Private Supply - Water proved satisfactory on every occasion it was sampled.

Stoke Goldington Supply - This supply has been sampled frequently throughout the year and has proved satisfactory. Hand chlorination is still being carried out as a daily routine.



## SECTION C    CONT'D

### SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

#### Existing Sewers and Sewage Disposal Works

All the existing sewers, sewage disposal works and pumping stations in the various villages have been effectively maintained during the year and the standard of effluent has been generally good.

#### Proposed Sewers and Sewage Disposal Works

The new trunk surface water sewer and foul relief sewer have been laid in the northern part of Olney during this year and are now operative. Work has proceeded on the new Sewage Pumping Station at Walton, which will be commissioned in the summer of 1970.

Work will be commenced on the Little Brickhill, Clifton Reynes and Newton Blossomville village sewerage schemes during 1970. The scheme for the re-building of the Sewage Pumping Station and Phase One of the Sewage Disposal Works for Olney is being considered by the Ministry. A scheme is now being prepared for the replacement of the existing Sewage Disposal Works at Sherington. In order to accommodate development at Hanslope and Lavendon, flow gauging is to be carried out in 1970, which will form the basis of design of the extended works and possible relief sewers.

The Council are also giving preliminary consideration to the provision of main drainage facilities in several other villages, some of which may ultimately be connected to the trunk sewer net-work to be provided by Milton Keynes Development Corporation.

### REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

The weekly collection service has been maintained during the year. In addition, two collections of bulky refuse have also been made from each village during the same period, in order to secure the removal of all large items of junk and rubbish.

The Council have decided to implement a paper sack system of refuse collection to the whole of the Rural District in May 1970.

At the centralised tip at Stoke Goldington controlled tipping has continued.

### PAIL AND CESSPOOL EMPTYING

The weekly pail and quarterly cesspool emptying has been regularly maintained.

SECTION E

CARCASES & OFFAL INSPECTED & CONDEMNED IN WHOLE OR IN PART

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number Killed	-	-	-	114	111	-
Number Inspected	-	-	-	114	111	-
<u>ALL DISEASES EXCEPT TUBERCULOSIS AND CYSTICERCI</u>						
Whole Carcasses Condemned	-	-	-	-	1	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	6	-	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis and Cysticerci	-	-	-	5.26	0.9	-
<u>TUBERCULOSIS ONLY</u>						
Whole Carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	1	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	0.9	-
<u>CYSTICERCUS</u>						
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration	-	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-



SECTION E CONT'D

UNSOUND FOOD SURRENDERED OR CONDEMNED

	Tons	Cwts.	lbs.
1. Meat at Slaughterhouses	-	-	110
2. Canned meats	-	-	86
3. Other canned foods	-	-	2
Total	-	1	86

KNACKERS YARD

In January, 1969 a new Knackers Yard was licensed. The premises are of new construction and provided with all modern amenities. Satisfactory sterilisation plant is provided complying in all respects with the Meat (Sterilization) Regulations. The occupier keeps accurate records of all consignments from his premises which are inspected at regular intervals. The Yard handled the following during the year :-

Cattle - 1161	Sheep - 6186	Calves - 2382
Pigs - 404	Horses- 53	Foals - 4
Donkeys- 3	Goats - 4	Deer - 2

MEAT (STERILIZATION) REGULATIONS, 1969

On publication of these regulations, other premises in addition to the Knackers Yard were visited to check whether the new provisions applied. No action was required.

SLAUGHTER OF POULTRY ACT, 1967

There are no premises registered under this Act.

# SECTION F

## Prescribed particulars on the Administration of the Factories Act, 1961.

### PART 1 OF THE ACT

- 1 - INSPECTIONS for the purposes of the provisions as to health  
(including inspections made by the Public Health Inspectors)

Premises	Number on Register (2)	Number of		
		Inspections (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers Prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authority	10	14	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	37	37	1	-
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	34	21	-	-
TOTALS:81		72	1	-

- 2 - Cases in which DEFECTS WERE FOUND

Particulars  (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found				No of cases in which Prosecutions were instituted (6)
	Found  (2)	Remedied  (3)	Referred		
			To H.M. Inspector (4)	by H.M. Inspector (5)	
Want of Cleanliness (S.1.)	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable Temperature(S.3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate Ventilation (S.4)	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	-	-	-	-	-

SECTION F    CONT'D

2 - Cases in which DEFECTS WERE FOUND (Cont'd)

Particulars  (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found				No of cases in which prosecutions were Instituted (6)
	Found  (2)	Remedied  (3)	Referred		
			To H.M. Inspector (4)	By H.M. Inspector (5)	
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	1	1	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	2	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to out work.)	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	1	1	-	-	-

PART VIII OF THE ACT

Outwork

(Sections 133 & 134)

There was one out-worker in the August list required by Section 133(1)(c) engaged in clothing manufacture.

## SECTION G

### HOUSING, OFFICES AND SHOPS, FOOD HYGIENE AND OTHER ANCILLARY MATTERS

#### A. HOUSING

##### Notices:

There were a total of 8 notices served under the Housing Acts, with no statutory notices being necessary.

Under the Public Health Acts, 24 Notices have been served and 30 nuisances have been abated, including notices outstanding from 1968

##### Housing Inspections:

During the year 2,687 general and miscellaneous housing inspections have been carried out and associated with them has been inspections of water supply installations, drainage, refuse disposal and infestation of rats and mice, and requisite action on each has been taken.

##### Representations

During the year 22 properties were represented, of these 14 demolition orders were made and 5 closing orders, 2 undertakings to repair were accepted and 1 demolition order made which was subsequently suspended. 34 Properties which were the subject of demolition orders were demolished during the year and two demolition orders were revoked as the properties were rendered fit. Demolition orders were suspended on seven properties to enable them to be rendered fit. 5 demolition orders and 4 closing orders were made on properties represented during 1968.

##### Improvement Grants:

The number of grants approved during the year are as follows:-

Particulars	Standard Grants		Discretionary Grants	
	Owner Occupied	Tenanted	Owner Occupied	Tenanted
Received	16	3	12	3
Approved	16	3	12	3
Refused	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Completed	21	10	6	4
Total cost	£5,899		£3,310	
Average Grant per house	£190		£331	



## B. FACTORIES

All Factories throughout the District have been visited during the year and the statistical returns are shown under Section F of this report.

## C. OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT 1963

The number of persons and premises, in the District, concerned by this Act, are set out below:-

Class of Premises	No. on Register	No. Inspected	No. of Persons Employed	No. of Accidents Reported
Offices	24	24	450	-
Retail Shops	60	60	191	1
Wholesalers & Warehouses	3	3	12	-
Catering Estab. open to Public	15	15	84	-
Fuel Depots	1	1	4	-
Totals	103	103	741	1

Total males employed - 340      Total females employed - 401

Total number of visits under the Act - 171

## Summary of Defects Found

Defect	Offices	Retail Shops	Warehouses	Caterers	Total
Premises not registered	1	7	1	-	9
Insufficient san. accomm.	-	-	1	-	1
"    washing    "	-	-	1	-	1
Defective san. accomm.	-	1	-	-	1
No thermometer	-	-	-	-	-
Insufficient heating	-	-	1	-	1
Disrepair & Defects	-	-	4	-	4
Deficient First Aid Equipment	-	-	1	-	1
Totals	1	8	6	-	15

SECTION G    CONT'D

Summary of Defects Remedied

Defect	Offices	Retail Shops	Warehouses	Caterers	Total
Premises not registered	4	7	1	-	12
Insufficient san.accomm.	-	-	-	-	-
"    washing    "	-	-	-	-	-
Defective san. accomm.	-	-	-	-	-
No thermometer	-	-	-	-	-
Insufficient heating	-	-	-	-	-
Disrepair & Defects	-	-	1	-	1
Deficient First Aid Box	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	4	7	2	-	13

The figures included defects reported in 1968 but remedied in 1969.

ACCIDENTS

One accident was reported at a retail shop. A grocer's assistant was attempting to cut a new Dutch Edam Cheese with a sharp rounded - end bacon knife, which did not penetrate the cheese and the assistant's hand slipped off the handle and along the sharp blade inflicting a deep wound in his hand.

GENERAL

No particular item of note arose during the year under review.

ADMINISTRATION OF THE ACT

The Department of Employment and Productivity circulated Local Authorities observations of H. M. Chief Inspector of Factories on the difficulties encountered by his Department in the administration of the Act. The Factory Inspectorate deal with Offices attached to factories, Local Authority and crown premises.

The information revealed by the exchange of views proved very interesting and informative and in the written statement attached to the statutory report under Section 60 of the Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963, the Chief Public Health Inspector commented in detail on the points raised.

It is significant to note that the Factory Inspectorate averages one general inspection of registered premises under its control in each period of three years. In the Rural Area each registered premises has a minimum of one detailed inspection annually. At the same time, premises which do not come within the scope of the Act are visited so as to ensure that they remain exempt.



SECTION G    CONT'D

ADMINISTRATION OF THE ACT    (Cont'd)

The majority of premises coming within the scope of the Act are also visited under other enactments administered by the Council. Therefore, a single visit can embrace many statutory provisions affecting the premises and business. Occupiers appreciate a reduction in the number of Inspectors visiting their premises.

The most common breach of the Act continues to be the failure to register and it is only by constant and systematic inspection of all premises that this provision can be enforced.

When accidents are reported on registered premises, a special visit is made the day the notification is received so that statements can be taken whilst the incident is fresh in the minds of all concerned. Any advice on accident prevention given verbally is immediately confirmed in writing.

The Engineer & Surveyor sends to the Chief Public Health Inspector copies of all plans of new premises or alterations to premises which may be subject to control by the Public Health Department. Any changes need to comply with Public Health Legislation are discussed with the depositor so that amendments can be made before the plans are finally approved and the work commenced. This procedure has been favourably commented upon and has resulted in requests for a visit and advice before the plans are prepared or are in the sketch stage.

## SECTION G CONT'D.

## FOOD HYGIENE (GENERAL) REGULATIONS 1960

CATEGORY	No. of premises	No. of premises inspected	Total No. of visits	No. of premises fitted to comply with Reg. 16.	No. of premises to which Reg. 19 applies	No. of premises fitted to comply with Reg. 19.
Bakers	4	4	18	4	4	4
Butchers	9	9	211	9	9	9
Canteens (School)	17	17	26	17	17	17
Canteens (Other)	18	18	29	18	18	18
Fishmongers	3	3	24	3	3	3
Fried Fish Shops	2	2	26	2	2	2
Grocers	47	47	227	47	47	47
Greengrocers	5	5	80	5	5	5
Restaurants & Cafes	21	21	106	21	21	21
Wholesalers	1	1	1	1	1	1
Other Food Premises	11	11	21	11	11	11
Licensed Clubs	4	4	4	4	4	4
Licensed Premises	43	43	59	43	43	43
Sweets & Confectionery	14	14	14	14	14	14
Chemists	2	2	5	2	2	2
Total:	201	201	851	201	201	201

The figures in the above table show the Department's continued close supervision over food premises. In view of the upward trend in catering at Licensed Premises, details of the facilities provided have been carefully scrutinised.

The catering facilities offered at the 47 Licenses Houses and Clubs may be analysed as follows:-

Separate dining rooms and full meals	-	10
Grills at bars and counters	-	11
Cold snacks	-	2
Sandwiches	-	18
No catering	-	6

The facilities provided for the preparation of food were found adequate for the type of catering, except in one instance where the kitchen is small for the proper preparation of grills. Representations have been made to the Brewers for improved kitchen facilities and this was being considered. Meanwhile, the serving of grills has been temporarily suspended.

SECTION G CONT'D.

FOOD HYGIENE (GENERAL) REGULATIONS 1960

The unsatisfactory Cafe mentioned in the 1968 Report remained closed throughout the year.

The premises registered under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955 are:-

Preparation of Food	- 8
Sale of Ice Cream	- <u>51</u>
Total:	<u>59</u>

SECTION G CONT'D.

THE FOOD HYGIENE (MARKETS, STALLS AND DELIVERY VEHICLES) REGS. 1966

The number and type of mobile traders known to be operating within the rural district at the end of 1969 as follows:-

Commodity	Operating from premises inside the rural district	Operating from premises outside the rural dist.
Bread and Flour Confectionery	2	9
Fish	-	3
Fried Fish and Chips	1	1
Greengrocery and fruit	1	2
Groceries and general provisions	3	6
Ice Cream	-	3
Meat and meat products	2	8
Totals	9	32

All the 41 traders listed have their vehicles fitted with personal washing facilities. Where so required facilities for cleaning equipment are also provided.

The general standard of cleanliness displayed in mobile traders is satisfactory.

In addition to the foregoing, the stalls at Olney Market are inspected each Thursday. Although the number of stall holders coming within this scope of the regulations does vary from time to time. Two greengrocers and fruiterers and one fish merchant attend regularly each week. Each stall holder provides the personal washing equipment needed for his own use. One stall holder was warned for permitting an employee to smoke whilst handling food, otherwise the stalls are generally satisfactory.



## SECTION G CONT'D.

### BRUCELLOSIS

Total number of samples of milk examined - 53  
Number of positive samples found - 11  
Percentage of samples found positive - 20.75%

The samples relate to two herds one of which had a single positive ring test, which proved negative on blood test and guinea pig inoculation.

A total of 48 samples were taken from a second herd and 9 animals were found to be infected out of a herd of 41. The infected animals were removed from the herd and sold as fat stock. Check samples showed the herd to be free at the end of the year.

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### LICENCES AND REGISTRATIONS

The following Licences are controlled from the Rural District Council Offices at Newport Pagnell:-

Animal Boarding Establishments - Slaughterhouses - Slaughtermen -  
Caravan Sites - Petroleum - Game Dealers.

In addition the following are registered:-

Milk Retailers, Ice Cream Premises and Premises Manufacturing  
Sausages & Preserved Food, Factories, Scrap Metal Dealers, Offices,  
Shops & Railway Premises, Market Stalls and Delivery Vehicles.

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### PETROLEUM

The number of Licences issued throughout the year was 67 and where petrol tanks had been installed for twenty years these were tested accordingly.

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### PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

A full time Rodent Officer is employed. Domestic premises are treated free of charge and contracts for inspection and treatment are arranged with the occupiers of farms and business premises if desired.

SECTION G CONT'D.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949 (Cont'd).

Premises Surveyed

Domestic	408
Local Authority	63
Farms	355
Business	<u>114</u>
Total	940

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<u>Treatments</u>	<u>Rats</u>	<u>Mice</u>
Domestic	120	23
Local Authority	17	2
Farms	108	18
Business	33	12
Total	<u>278</u>	<u>55</u>

A serious infestation of farm and domestic premises by saw tooth grain weevil was successfully dealt with during the year. The infestation commenced in the Autumn of 1968 when a supply of untreated barley grain was delivered into a barn, physically attached to the farm house.

The farmer sprayed the infested barn but unfortunately commenced spraying from the inside which resulted in the insects passing through the walls and into the farm house.

During the summer of 1969 the infestation increased to major proportions and the house was almost uninhabitable.

A specialist firm was engaged and the house vacated and fumigated and the farm buildings sprayed inside and out. The house and barn were physically separated before disinfection commenced so as to reduce the possibility of cross infestation.

Rabbit infestations at Emberton Park were also dealt with.

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1. The first step in the process is to identify the problem or issue that needs to be addressed. This involves gathering information and understanding the context of the problem.

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